

# PROJECT 10073 RECORD CARD

1. DATE 21 September 1950		2. LOCATION Milan, Indiana Wash, DC & Pittsburgh, Pa.		12. CONCLUSIONS <input type="checkbox"/> Was Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Balloon <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Balloon  <input type="checkbox"/> Was Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Aircraft <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Aircraft  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Was Astronomical Meteor <input type="checkbox"/> Probably Astronomical <input type="checkbox"/> Possibly Astronomical  <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Insufficient Data for Evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Unknown	
3. DATE-TIME GROUP Local _____ GMT 21/0925Z		4. TYPE OF OBSERVATION <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Ground-Radar <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Visual <input type="checkbox"/> Air-Intercept Radar			
5. PHOTOS <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No		6. SOURCE Civilian & Military			
7. LENGTH OF OBSERVATION 2 SECS		8. NUMBER OF OBJECTS one		9. COURSE SE to NW	
10. BRIEF SUMMARY OF SIGHTING  Obj, about half the size of the moon, making whirring sound as of a thrown baseball w/a loose cover. Obj was round, white and appeared to be breaking up.				11. COMMENTS  In view of all the data in this case, the logical conclusion is that all witnesses sighted a meteor which made an unusually deep penetration into our atmosphere.	



20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.  
\_\_\_\_\_ feet. NC

22. How large did the object or objects appear as compared with one of the following objects held in the hand and at about arm's length?

(Circle One):

- a. Head of a pin
- b. Pea
- c. Dime
- d. Nickel
- e. Quarter
- f. Half dollar

- g. Silver dollar
- h. Baseball
- i. Grapefruit
- j. Basketball
- k. Other \_\_\_\_\_

- 22.1 (Circle One of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 22.)

- a. Certain
- b. Fairly certain

- c. Not very sure
- d. Uncertain

23. How did the object or objects disappear from view? Disappeared in the far sky.

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, we would like for you to imagine that you could construct the object that you saw. Of what type material would you make it? How large would it be, and what shape would it have? Describe in your own words a common object or objects which when placed up in the sky would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

*As I have never seen anything like it before I can not think of anything to compare it with.*



25. Where were you located when you saw the object?  
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane
- e. At sea
- f. Other \_\_\_\_\_

26. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Flying near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other in our back yard

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

I was leaving for work. The back yard is east of the house and the car was east of the house, so naturally I noticed it as I went to the car.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- |              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | c. East      | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One)      Yes      No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- |              |                |              |              |
|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
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30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

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|--------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|
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31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

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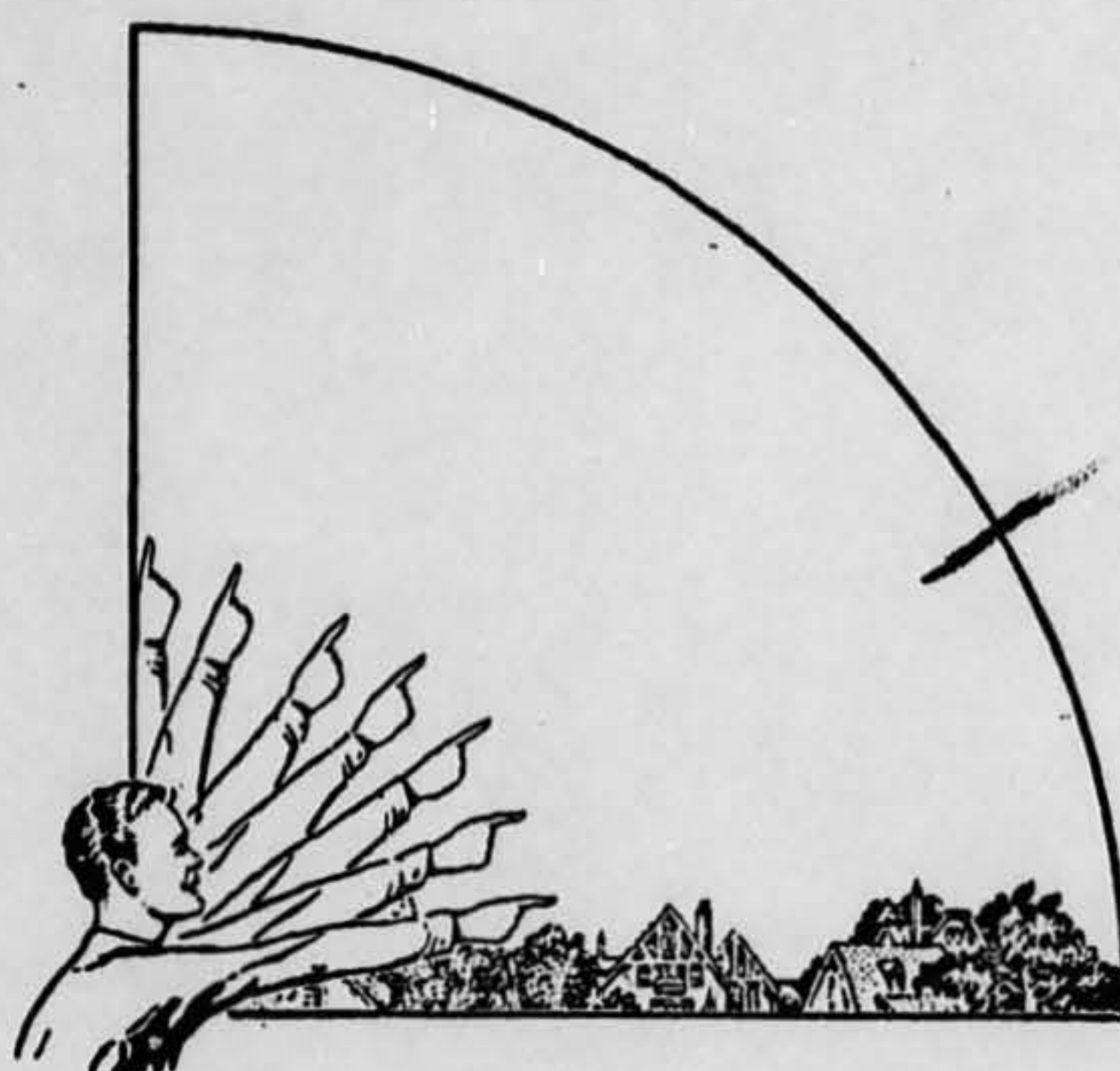
- a. From true North 110 degrees.
- b. From horizon 20 degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

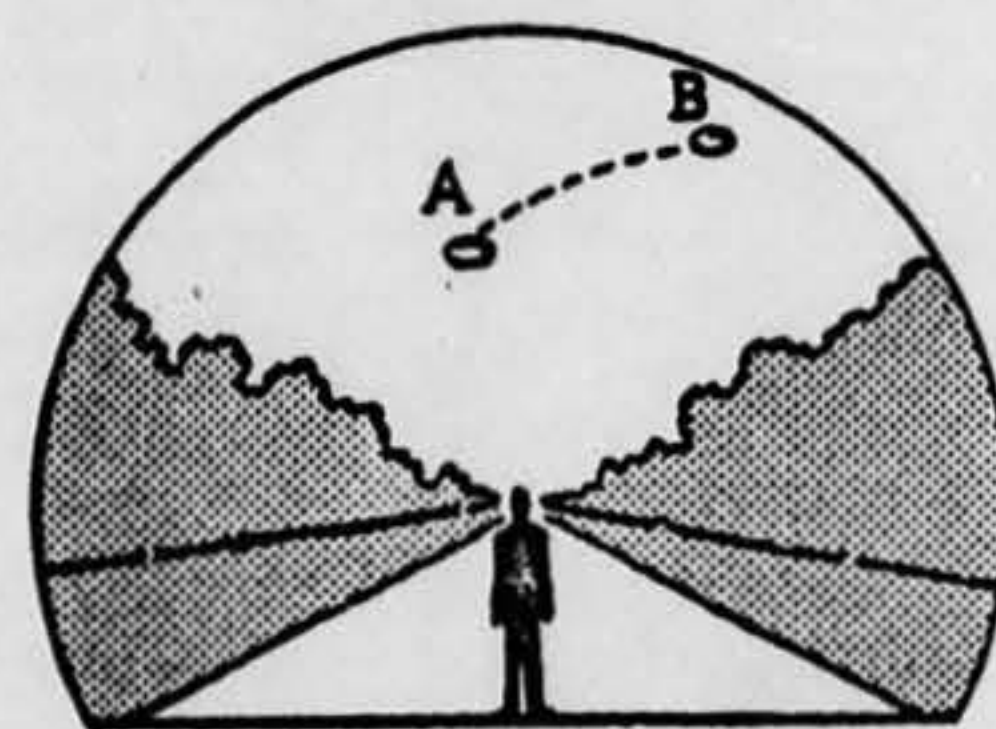
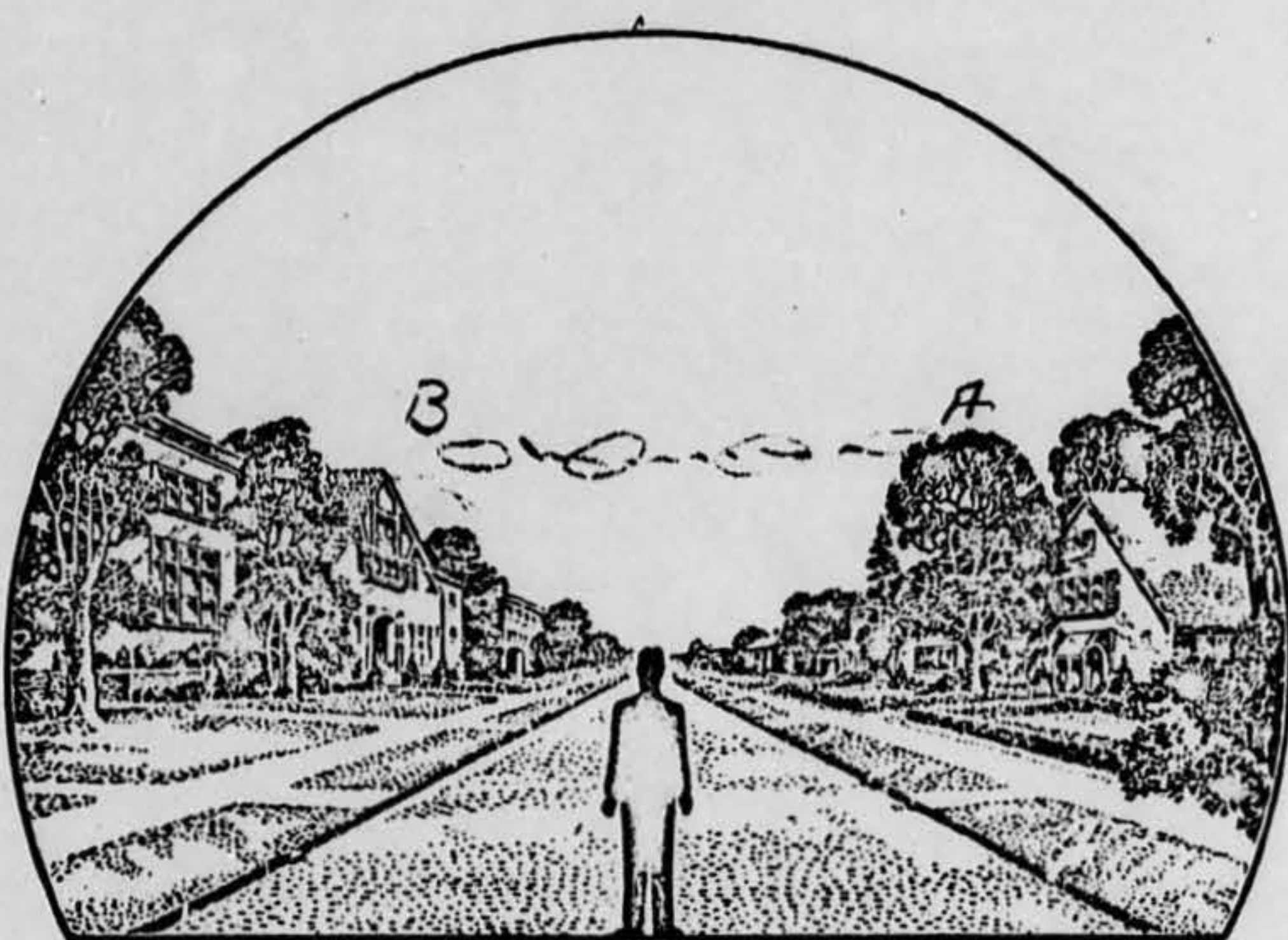
- a. From true North 70 degrees.
- b. From horizon 30 degrees.



32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.





34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

34.1 CLOUDS (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds
- e. Don't remember

34.2 WIND (Circle One)

- ☒ a. No wind
- b. Slight breeze
- c. Strong wind
- d. Don't remember

34.3 WEATHER (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

34.4 TEMPERATURE (Circle One)

- a. Cold
- b. Cool
- ☒ c. Warm
- d. Hot
- e. Don't remember

35. When did you report to some official that you had seen the object?

30      Sept.      1958  
Day      Month      Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes      No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes      No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ - My wife  
~~\_\_\_\_\_~~, Indiana

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) ☒ Yes      No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

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38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

No opinion



39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

*It traveled about 3 times as fast as the planes going over our house while before to airport*

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate?

\_\_\_\_\_ m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

*It was about the same distant away as the planes when they appeared to drop into water*

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was?

\_\_\_\_\_ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

\_\_\_\_\_ Last Name

\_\_\_\_\_ First Name

\_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name

ADDRESS

\_\_\_\_\_ Street

\_\_\_\_\_ City

\_\_\_\_\_ Zone

\_\_\_\_\_ State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

\_\_\_\_\_ MECHANIC

Age

37

Sex

MALE

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school ☒

e. e. Technical school

b. High school ☒

(Type)

c. College

f. Other special training

d. Post graduate

*(He's an expert automotive mechanic)*

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

13  
Day

Oct  
Month

1958  
Year



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(SUMMARY DATA)

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13 Oct 1958

This thing that appeared in the sky was bright green. It first was oblong, then almost round, then oblong again, and finally disappeared as though someone had turned it off like a light. There were about 3 small pieces, or blobs of fuel, or something, that separated from the main body, trailed behind as second or two and then went out. They also were a bright green. I did not see anything like flames that would indicate a burning object. Nor did the green light give off any illuminating effects at any time. It was just there and glowing.

To me this appeared to be an object giving off a bright green light. I have never seen anything like this before and probably never will again.



# U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object? *can't remember any more,*

*29* *SEPT.* *58*  
Day Month Year

*check the day stated on my letter*

2. Time of day: *4* *30*

Hour

Minutes

(Circle One): *A.M.* or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): *a. Eastern*  
b. Central  
c. Mountain  
d. Pacific  
e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving  
*b. Standard*

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

*3 mi. north east of Milan (R.I.)* *MILAN*  
Nearest Postal Address City or Town

*INDIANA*  
State or Country

Additional remarks:

*This was not a "flying saucer" type but more of a "rocket type"*

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

Hours

Minutes

Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain

*b. Fairly certain*

c. Not very sure

d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight  
b. Dull daylight  
c. Bright twilight

d. Just a trace of daylight  
*e. No trace of daylight*  
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you  
b. In back of you  
c. To your right

d. To your left  
e. Overhead  
f. Don't remember

*Incl #1 (Pg 1)*



8. IF you saw the object, at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None  
b. A few  
c. Many  
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight  
b. Dull moonlight  
c. No moonlight — pitch dark  
d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF it was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

(Circle One) a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?

- b. Several blocks away?  
c. A block away?  
d. Several yards away?  
e. Other

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- |   |            |           |            |
|---|------------|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time?           | Yes        | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes        | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | <u>Yes</u> | No        | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | Yes        | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | <u>Yes</u> | No        | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape?                                | Yes        | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?                  | Yes        | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
- went out*

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: When I first noticed it came from behind a tree

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One): Yes No Don't Know. IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved in front of: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One): a. Solid? b. Transparent? c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- |                 |     |           |                |     |           |
|-----------------|-----|-----------|----------------|-----|-----------|
| a. Eyeglasses   | Yes | <u>No</u> | e. Binoculars  | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| b. Sun glasses  | Yes | <u>No</u> | f. Telescope   | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| c. Windshield   | Yes | <u>No</u> | g. Theodolite  | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| d. Window glass | Yes | <u>No</u> | h. Other _____ |     |           |



16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

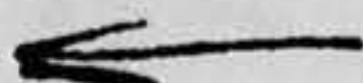
- a. Sound no sound
- b. Color Bright green - As a burning green light

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



EAST.

NORTH



within 1 or 2 seconds about 3 pieces, 1 at a time fell behind & went out  
not dropping any but slowing in speed -  
my husband remembers slight change in shape in  
his form which I can't remember particularly.

18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred  
b. Like a bright star either  
c. Sharply outlined  
d. Don't remember

e. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? \_\_\_\_\_  
Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.



25. Where were you located when you saw the object?  
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
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- d. In an airplane
- e. At sea
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- g. Other Each of the above

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

My husband was leaving to go to work  
We both saw it before he got in the car.

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at the time, then complete the following questions:

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28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

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31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

- (20° South from due east)
- a. From true North 110° degrees.
  - b. From horizon 20° degrees. - about

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 70° degrees.
- b. From horizon 25 or 30 degrees. about



## COVER SHEET

SUSPENSE

ORIGIN OF BASIC

DATE

ASSIGNED BY

DATE

TYPE

NO.

SUBJECT

UFO Sighting (Gatherburg, Md.)

## ROUTING

Initial "IN" column to denote review prior to action. Initial "OUT" column to denote review of completed action. (X for action; ✓ for coordination.)

IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT
	OIN-1			OIN-2			OIN-3			OIN-4			AFOIN	
	OIN-1X			OIN-2X			OIN-3X			OIN-4X			AFOIN-X	
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													CABLES	
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													DISPATCH	

TO:

SAFIS-3, Attn: Maj. Tacker

DATE

29 October 1958

FROM:

AFCIN-4E4

COMMENT NO.

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COMMENTS (Use reverse, if necessary)

4E4/T/Sgt Bolieu/ac/6-9216/Bldg 828

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HK Gilbert  
H. K. GILBERT  
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B  
 \_\_\_\_\_ A

21. IF POSSIBLE, try to guess or estimate what the real size of the object was in its longest dimension.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ feet. 6 to 15 times as big as an airplane tail

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"went out" in open sky

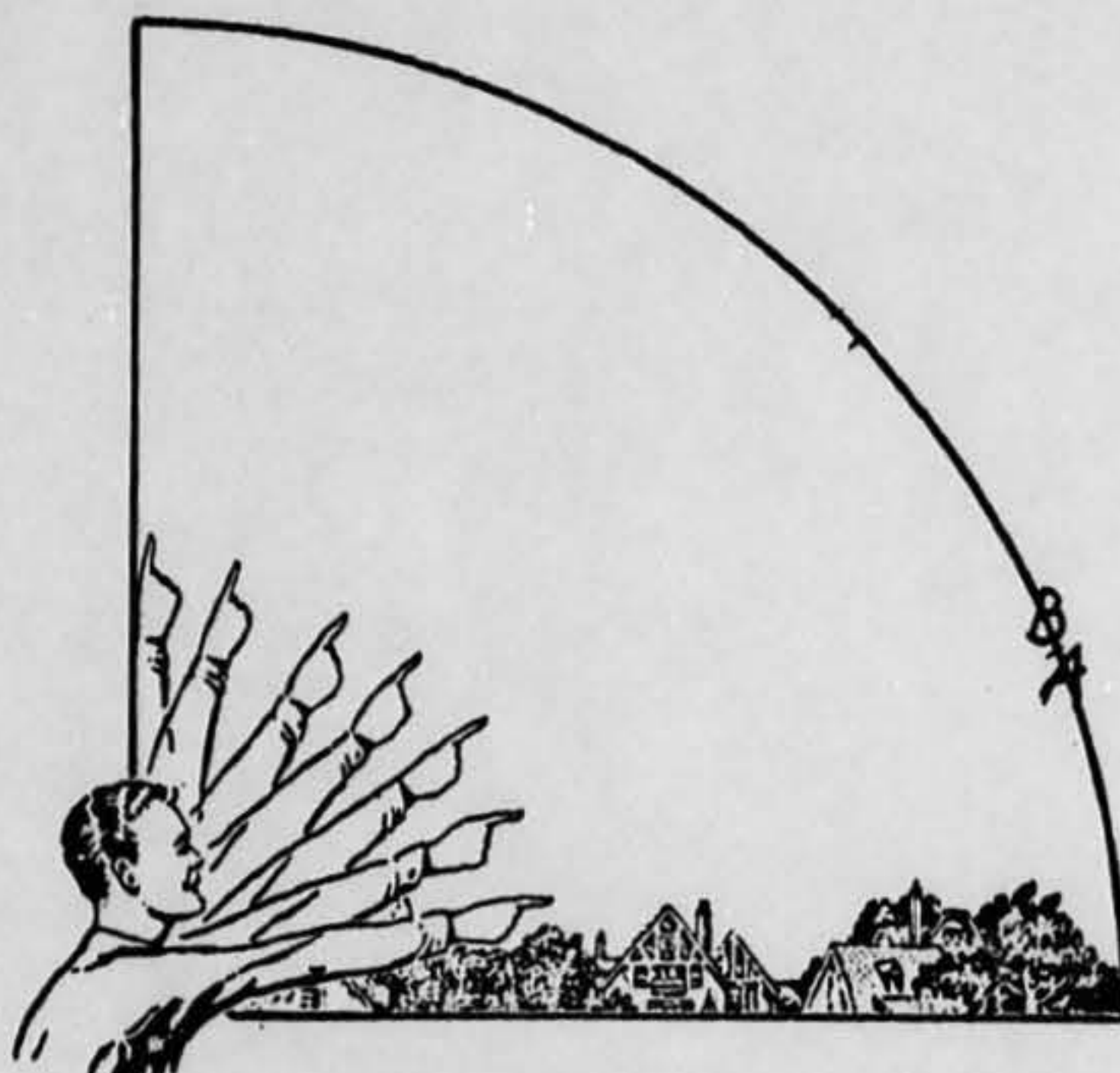
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Could be a rocket of some sort - but there was no "fall" to its movement. - Traveled very straight even the pieces which trailed behind & went out. (in a matter of one or 2 seconds) we are familiar with flares in the proving ground (at Madison) - in the past - I think the proving ground is "in moth balls" since some time last year. These flares, of course, appeared in the south west, were red or white, and were stationary.

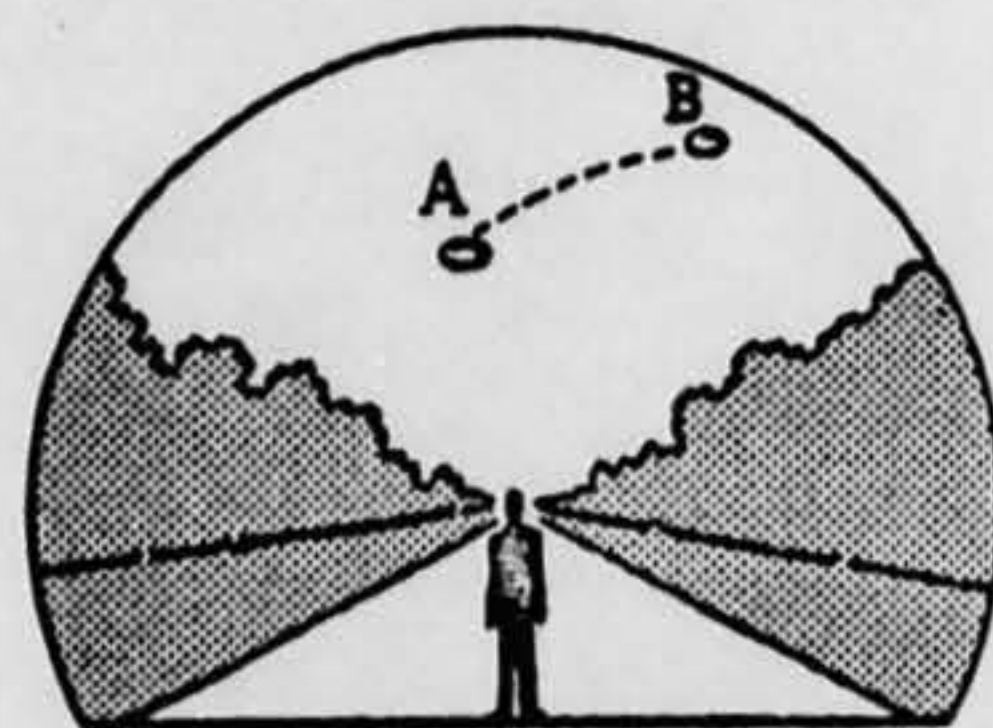
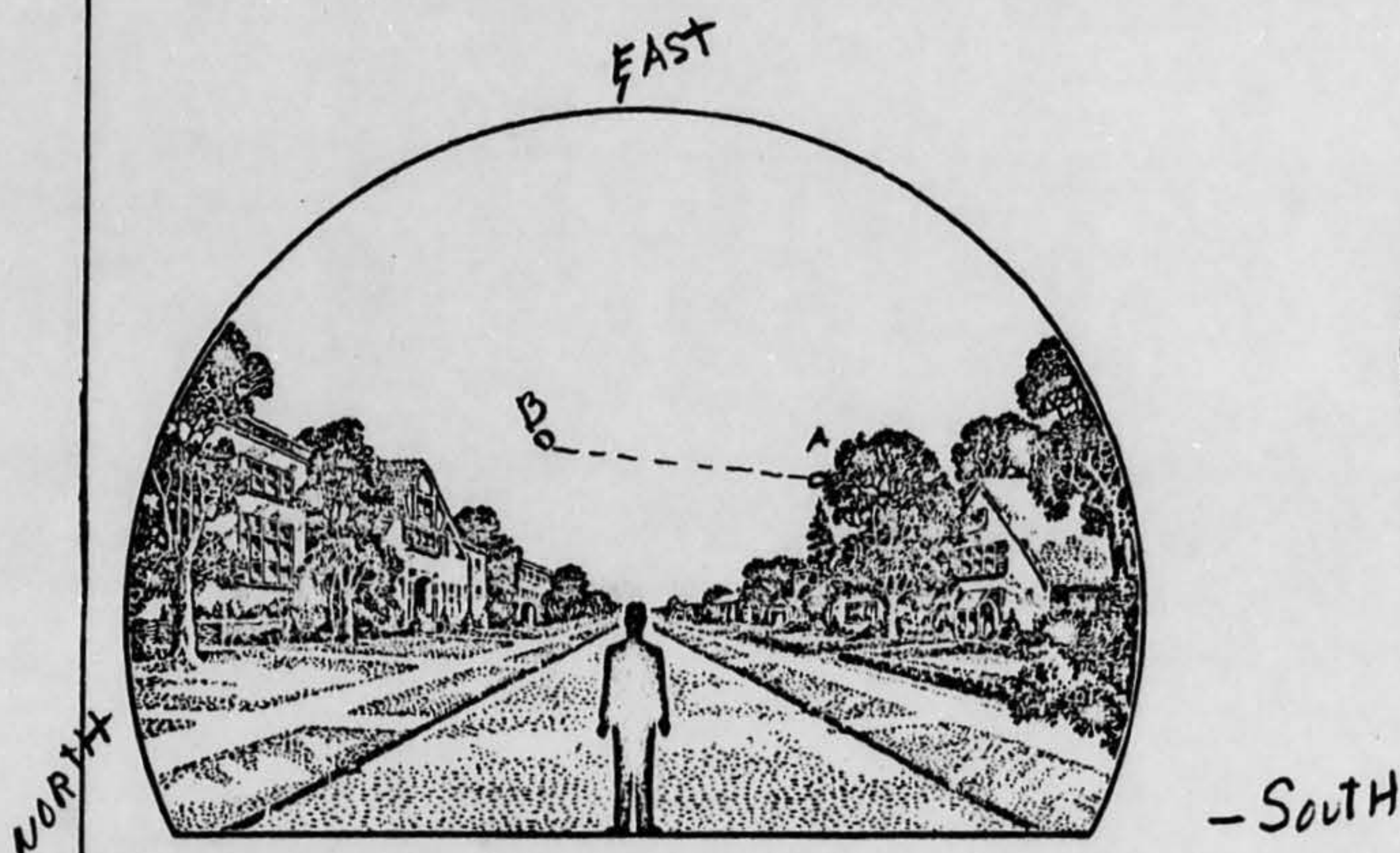
This is about all I can remember of its shape, just a light.



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39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

Three times as fast as passing airplane from Beacon Co. airport

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate?

\_\_\_\_\_ m.p.h.

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was?

\_\_\_\_\_ feet.

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

What is your present job?

Hammermaker

Age 33

Sex Female

Please indicate any special educational training that you have had.

a. Grade school

✓

e. e. Technical school

b. High school

✓

(Type)

c. College

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f. Other special training

d. Post graduate

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

11

Day

Oct

Month

58

Year



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NAME

SIGNATURE

DATE

Oct. 11, 1958

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CODE:

Sighting of a green light in the  
Eastern sky 20° to 30° above the  
horizon. Light traveled in straight  
line for 15 to 25 seconds and  
went out. -  
at Milan Indiana.



UFO Sighting (Catherburg, Md.)

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ATIC

31 Oct 58

Approved by



TELEPHONE REPORT FROM CAPT TRIMBLEY  
BASE OPS OFFICER @ GREENING PITT  
AMHERST 45000 EYT. 304

MR. [REDACTED] - WEST POINT ROAD -  
PRESENTLY WORKING FOR [REDACTED] (HEAVY  
COMPANY. NATRONA, PENN.

29 SEPT 58 @ 0535 - WHILE DRIVING ON  
TURNPIKE SIGHTED BRIGHT OBJECT  
MOVING NN @ 300 - 400 MILES/HR.  
REPORTS ITEM ON GROUND, AREA  
PINPOINTED AND CAPT TRIMBLEY TO  
MAKE INVESTIGATION.

MT LEBANON, NEAR PITTSBURGH -  
PAPER BOY, [REDACTED] OLD REPORTED A  
SHIMMERING BLUE-WHITE OBJECT -  
@ APPROX. 0530 29 SEPT 58. CAPT  
TRIMBLEY YET TO TALK TO THIS BOY.

MR. [REDACTED]  
REPORTED SEEING A BLUE-WHITE  
OBJECT APPROX. 10' DIA LOW  
AND MOVING AT HIGH SPEED -  
SPLIT INTO TWO PIECES AND  
DISAPPEARED OR STRUCK GROUND.



CONTROL TOWER OPERATOR  
AT GREATER PITT AIRPORT (C.V.)  
REPORTED A BRILLIANT BLUE  
FLASH MOVING FROM N TO W...  
CAPT TROMBLEY HAS NOT YET  
TALKED TO THIS MAN.

RELATED FACTS—

DIRECTION — PITTSBURGH AND  
WASHINGTON, D.C. — SAME.

TIME, PITTSBURGH AND D.C.  
SAME..

DESCRIPTION — PITTSBURGH AND  
WASHINGTON D.C. — ENOUGH  
ALIKE TO BE SAME OBJECT.

CAPT TROMBLEY TO MAKE A COMPLETE  
INVESTIGATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH AFR 200-2 —  
WILL KEEP AFCIN-464 INFORMED BY  
TELEPHONE OF ANY IMPORTANT DEVELOPMENTS.  
FORMAL TELETYPE REPORT HAS BEEN FORWARDED.



REPORT (TELEPHONE).

~~REDACTED~~

MARTINSBURG WEST VA

SIGHTING 29 SEPT 1958 0432 EST  
TWO BRIGHT LIGHTS - CROSSED  
AIRPORT SE TO NW

NO NOISE -

OBJECT SPLIT INTO 3 LIGHTS  
AND DISAPPEARED.

OBJECT WAS MOVING HORIZONTAL  
AT APPROX 500'

SAME AS D.C. & PITTSBURG



FACTS —

DET 10 REPORT (TELEPHONE)

SET PACOS

1. DISCOUNTED GLOW ON GROUND —  
FOUND TO BE A FLOODLIGHT  
ON A BARN. — GLOW WAS  
SEEN AGAIN AND REPORTED  
ON MORNING OF 30 SEPT.

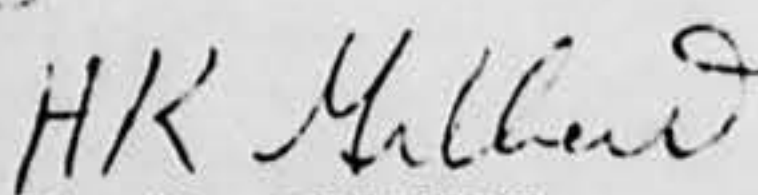
2. OBJECT WAS PERSISTANT FOR  
FROM 45-60 SECONDS.

TOWER OPERATOR AT ANDREWS  
WAS ABLE TO CALL THE ATTENTION  
OF THE WEATHER OFFICER TO  
THE OBJECT, TURN OUT  
THE OVERHEAD LIGHT, SIT  
DOWN AND OBSERVE OBJECT.

OPINION OF THIS OBSERVER  
IS THAT THE OBJECT BURNED  
OUT — GOING FROM ORANGE TO  
GREEN — WHILE TRAVELING  
NORTH OR N.W.



29 Sep

COVER SHEET						SUSPENSE	
ORIGIN OF BASIC						DATE	
DATE						ASSIGNED BY	
TYPE						NO.	
SUBJECT							
UFO Sighting (Gatherburg, Md.)							
ROUTING							
Initial "IN" column to denote review prior to action. Initial "OUT" column to denote review of completed action. (X for action; ✓ for coordination.)							
IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE	OUT	IN	OFFICE
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							CABLES
							FILE
							DISPATCH
TO: SAFIS-3, Attn: Maj. Tacker						DATE 29 October 1958	
FROM: AFCIN-4E4						COMMENT NO. 1	
<p>COMMENTS (Use reverse, if necessary)</p> <p style="text-align: right;">4E4/T/Sgt Bolieu/ac/6-9216/Bldg 828</p> <p>1. The object sighted on the morning of 29 September 1958, at Gatherburg and Washington, D. C. was also seen and reported by witnesses as far west as Pittsburgh. The description, direction of motion and time were all in agreement.</p> <p>2. The description of the object and possible sound is typical of a meteor which has made an unusually deep penetration into our atmosphere. The observatory at Georgetown University received several reports of this object and their conclusion was that it was a meteor. The description given by some witnesses that there was more than one object indicates breakup or burnout of the meteor.</p> <p>3. The ATIC conclusion is that all witnesses saw the same meteor, and that small differences in the description of the item be attributed to the short time of observation, excitement of the witnesses, and a change in appearance due to breakup and the approach of burnout.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 50px;">DISPATCHED</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin-top: 20px;">   H. K. GILBERT  Colonel, USAF  AFCIN-4E </p>							



UFO Analysis Sheet \_\_\_\_\_

Location WASHINGTON, D. C. TO PITTSBURGH, PA.

Date 29 September 1958

Hour (Z) 0925Z

WX Clear - Unlimited Visibility - Slight Breeze

Description: Round, flaming or burning very bright. Faint possibility of a  
tail. Possibly associated with a roaring or fluttering sound.

Direction of Motion SE to NW at high rate of speed.

Satellite: Coordinated and ruled out. Time and direction wrong.

#### Astronomical Phenomena

Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc.

Description of object and possible sound points to a meteor which made an  
unusually deep penetration into our atmosphere. Observatory at Georgetown  
University had several reports of the sighting and their conclusion was that it  
was a meteor.

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) No radar data.

#### Natural Phenomena

Ball Lightning, etc. Large area over which this sighting took place, singular  
type of occurrence, makes it highly improbable that this was a natural phenomenon.  
Weather conditions at the time add to the improbability.



Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. Description of flaming or burning round object rules out balloon. Object seen from Washington, D. C. to Pittsburgh at approximately the same time indicates a speed much greater than any of today's aircraft.

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Other: No information concerning an errant missile.

The light which was seen on the ground near Washington, D. C. was definitely determined to be a floodlight on a barn.

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Evaluation of Source Reliability The number and consistency of reports of this incident indicate the information to be both relatively accurate and reliable. Twelve different persons from Washington, D. C. to Pittsburgh, Pa. sighted this object.

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#### Analysis and Conclusions:

In view of all the data in this case, the logical conclusion is that all witnesses sighted a meteor which made an unusually deep penetration into our atmosphere. The ~~still unofficial~~ report from Pittsburgh indicates possible remains of the item on the ground, but as yet still undiscovered.

This object was seen at Washington, D. C. and Pittsburgh at approximately the same time (possible minute difference depending upon the accuracy of the witnesses in determining the time). The speed necessary to accomplish this <sup>flaming low altitude</sup> would be approximately 7,000 knots. The description of some witnesses that there was more than one object indicates the possibility of breakup and burnout of a meteor.



HEADQUARTERS  
2253D AIR BASE GROUP  
United States Air Force  
Greater Pittsburgh Airport  
Coraopolis, Pennsylvania

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27 OCT 1958

SUBJECT: Unidentified Flying Objects

TO: Commander  
Air Technical Intelligence Center  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Dayton, Ohio

Transmitted herewith, in accordance with AFR 200-2, dated 5 February 1958, AFR 200-2A, dated 3 July 1958 and 14th AF Supplement number 1 to AFR 200-2, is the report subject as above.

1 Incl  
Ltr, Subj, Unidentified  
Flying Objects, dtd 23 Oct  
58, w/1 incl.

  
ROBERT E. FANCHER  
Colonel, USAF  
Commander



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2. On 29 September 1958 between 0925Z and 0935Z, three different sightings were made in the area surrounding Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

First Report

- a. (1) Circular  
(2) About size of grapefruit  
(3) Pale Blue  
(4) Two (2)  
(5) In Trail  
(6) Negative  
(7) Negative  
(8) Negative  
(9) Negative
- b. (1) Motion of bright lights in the dark sky.  
(2) Approximately a  $45^{\circ}$  angle from position of person reporting. Estimated 2000 feet altitude.  
(3) Same as above.  
(4) Straight and apparently level flight path.  
Trailing object appeared to overtake lead object then lead object appeared to increase in speed.  
(5) Disappeared behind a house. Objects were traveling on an approximate heading of  $310^{\circ}$  to  $320^{\circ}$ .  
(6) Two (2) or three (3) seconds.
- c. (1) Ground Visual  
(2) Negative  
(3) Negative
- d. (1) 0925Z, 29 September 1958  
(2) Pre-dawn
- e. (1) Mount Lebanon (Southern suburbs of Pittsburgh)



f. (1) [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Mount Lebanon, Pittsburgh, Pa.  
[REDACTED]  
Reliability - good

Second Report

- a. (1) Round  
(2) About size of grape fruit  
(3) Pale Blue  
(4) One (1)  
(5) Negative  
(6) Negative  
(7) Negative  
(8) Negative  
(9) Object appeared to be disintegrating - had pieces falling off.
- b. (1) The light moving against a dark sky.  
(2) Approximately 1000 feet high and three miles distant from observer.  
(3) Approximately 1000 feet high and 5 miles distance.  
(4) Appeared to be on a straight course of  $310^{\circ}$  to  $320^{\circ}$  descending slightly.  
(5) Appeared to disintegrate  
(6) Three (3) or four (4) minutes
- c. (1) Ground - Visual  
(2) Negative  
(3) Negative
- d. (1) 0930Z, 29 September 1958  
(2) Pre-dawn
- e. One quarter mile west of the highway 22-30 clover leaf off the Penn-Lincoln Parkway west. Observer was parked in front of the Tastee-Freeze ice cream stand.
- f. Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Works for Pennsylvania Rail Road as a Pipe fitter.  
Reliability - good

Third Report

- a. (1) Looked like head of 75 MM shell.  
(2) Size of 75 MM shell at arms length.  
(3) Enclosed in a blue-green tinted flame.  
(4) One (1)  
(5) Not applicable



- (6) Negative
- (7) Left a blue trail with a greenish tint about 50-60 feet long. Fire was color of Kobalt or hydrogen when on fire.
- (8) Negative
- (9) Negative

b. (1) The fire trail crossing the highway against a dark background.

(2) 500 to 600 feet above the ground traveling 300 to 400 miles per hour.

(3) Descending on a two (2) degree angle.

(4) Object traveling on a heading of approximately 310 to 320 degrees.

(5) Object appeared to break in air into ten (10) or twelve (12) pieces.

(6) Three (3) to four (4) seconds.

c. (1) Ground - Visual

(2) Negative

(3) Negative

d. (1) 0935Z, 29 September 1958.

(2) Pre-dawn

e. (1) Three miles east of the Allegheny Tunnel on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

f. Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], Pa.

Sales-Engineer, Corrosion Engineering Products Division  
Reliability - good

Mr. [REDACTED] class of 1939.

g. (1) The weather at the times of all sightings was reported as clear by all observers.

(2) United States Weather Bureau at Greater Pittsburgh Airport reported the following:

0700E surface wind calm 6000-310/10, 10000-290/19,  
16000-290/31, 20000-290/47, 30000-290/65, 50000-270/52, 80000-250/09.

(3) Negative

(4) 15 miles +, zero in fog patches in lower areas.

(5) None

(6) None

h. (1) Negative

i. (1) Negative

j. (1) None reported



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COUNTRY United States of America		REPORT NO.	(LEAVE BLANK)
<b>AIR INTELLIGENCE INFORMATION REPORT</b>			
SUBJECT Unidentified Flying Objects			
AREA REPORTED ON Greater Pittsburgh Area, Pittsburgh, Pa.		FROM (Agency) 2253d Air Base Group, Greater Pittsburgh Airport, Monacaolis, Pennsylvania	
DATE OF REPORT 23 October 1958	DATE OF INFORMATION 29 September 1958	EVALUATION	
PREPARED BY (Officer) DALE J. TROMBLEY, Captain, USAF		SOURCE	
REFERENCES (Control number, directive, previous report, etc., as applicable) AFR 200-2, dated 5 Feb 58, AFR 200-2A dated 3 July 58, 14th AF Supplement #1 to AFR 200-2			
SUMMARY: (Enter concise summary of report. Give significance in final one-sentence paragraph. List inclosures at lower left. Begin text of report on AF Form 112-Part II.)			
<u>1</u> INCL. Basic Letter			
DISTRIBUTION BY ORIGINATOR 1 copy to 14th Air Force			

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<p>1. On the morning of 29 September 1958 between 0925Z and 0935Z three sightings were made of unidentified flying objects.</p> <p>2. The first reported sighting was made by a [REDACTED] who reported that he saw two pale blue, circular objects travel from the south-east to the northwest on approximately a heading of 310 to 320 degrees. The objects disappeared behind a house and by the time the observer ran to the rear of the houses the objects were gone. The objects were in view approximately 2 to 3 seconds. The time of this sighting was 0925Z plus or minus a couple minutes. The place of the sighting was in the Mount Lebanon district of Pittsburgh, Pa..</p> <p>3. The second reported sighting was made by a Pennsylvania railroad worker who was on his way to work. He was parked, waiting for a rider when he noticed the object. He was parked [REDACTED] Parkway west on route 22-30. The object was round and pale blue in color and appeared to be disintegrating with pieces falling off. It was heading from South-east to North-west. It was visible for about three to four minutes. The sighting was made at 0930Z. The age of the person who sighted the object was 33.</p> <p>4. The third sighting was made by a Sales Engineer for the Pennsalt Chemical Company of Natrona, Pennsylvania. This sighting was made while the observer was traveling west on the Pennsylvania Turnpike at 0930Z, three miles east of the Allegheny Tunnel, which is approximately 5-70 air miles east of Pittsburgh, Pa.. The observer reported that it appeared to be shaped like the head of a 75 M shell. It was enveloped in a blue, green tinted flame and left a fire tail of 50-60 feet. The object appeared to break apart in the air. No noise was heard. The object was visible three to four seconds. The heading of the object was between 310 to 320 degrees.</p> <p>5. A field trip was made by helicopter to the area mentioned in paragraph #4. The persons living in the immediate area were contacted however no one had seen or heard anything unusual during the period.</p> <p>6. It is felt by the investigating officer that there was definitely something in the area, however no guess will be ventured as to what it was or where it came from.</p>		

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k. Base Operations Officer. A field trip was made on Tuesday, 30 September 1958 to determine the exact spot that the object was seen on the Penna. Turnpike. The spot was located however we were unable to get off the Turnpike to talk to the people living in the area. On Thursday, 2 October 1958, the Army supplied us with an H-21 Helicopter and we proceeded to the area. Four different families were contacted with no results. A search was conducted on foot but nothing was found.

It is the opinion of the reporting officer that there was definitely a group of unknown objects in the area, however, as to their origin, composition and mode of propulsion, no comments can be made.

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DALE J. CROWLEY  
Captain, USAF  
Base Operations Officer



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE  
WEATHER BUREAU

Cincinnati 2, Ohio

October 3, 1958

Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Indiana

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Thank you for your interesting report on an unidentified flying object, but we have no idea what it could be.

We are forwarding your letter to the Air Force at Patterson Field, where investigations of such objects are made.

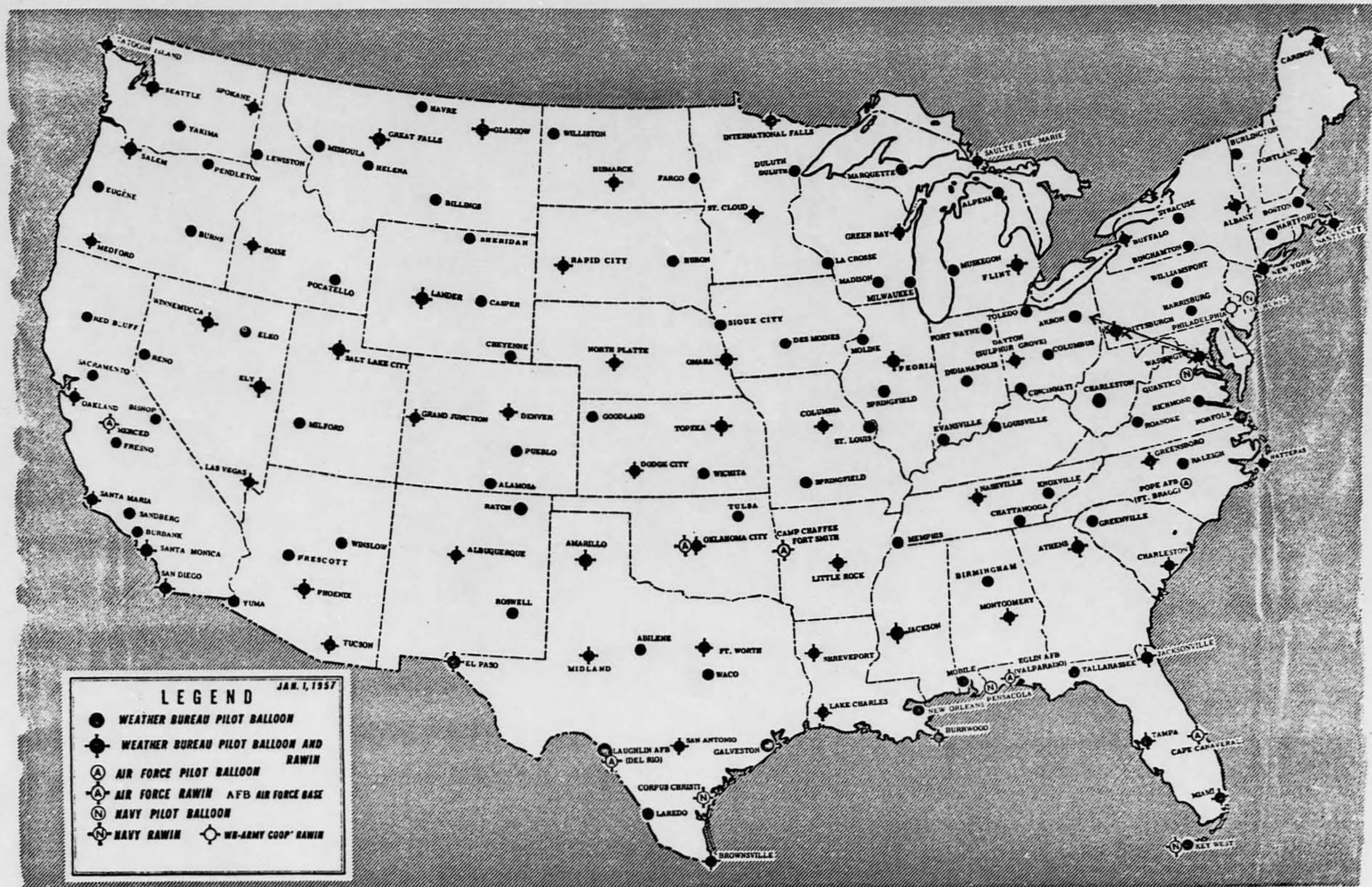
Yours very truly,

[REDACTED]  
Meteorologist in Charge, Acting

EEB:en  
cc WBAS, [REDACTED]  
cc USAF, Dayton



29 SEPT 58  
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RJEPHQ:OFFICE OF INFO SERVICES HQ USAF WASH DC

RJEYSN/COMDR 32ND AIR DIVISION SYRACUSE NY

# UFO REPORT

IDL TWR OPERATOR PLT TWA829 AND PLT EASTERN AIR LINE 834

OBSERVED A <sup>R</sup>BRIGHT LIGHT BETWEEN IDL AND FBH AT APPROXIMATELY 800 FT

HEADING IN A WESTERNLY DIRECTION. AT WHICH TIME THE OBJECT EXPLODED

INTO THREE PARTS AND DISAPPEARED. INFO

RECEIVED FROM NY ARTC AT 29/1035Z. MDT FS

29/1115Z SEP RJEDKQ

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ACTION BY UNIT COMMANDER		DATE
TO:		
20. OFFENDER (Last name - first name - middle initial)	21. GRADE	22. SERVICE NUMBER
23. TYPE OF ACTION TAKEN (Specify)		A. DATE
24. FINDING		
25. SENTENCE OR OTHER DISPOSITION		
TYPED NAME AND GRADE OF COMMANDING OFFICER		SIGNATURE
TITLE AND ORGANIZATION		
<p>REMARKS</p> <p>object as giving off a whitish light, and travelling at a high rate of speed. He estimated it to be at a height of 2000 feet in a downward slanting direction. The object was visible for three or four seconds and it seemed like a piece fell off, and the light went out. It was his opinion that the object was a meteorite.</p> <p>On 29 September 1958 the Harrisburg State A/P who advised no aircraft was in the vicinity at the time of the reported incident. The A/P manager advised that no object was sighted in the vicinity by his tower personnel.</p> <p>On 30 September 1958 interviewed [REDACTED] Tower operator who described the object as giving off a white light, and traveling at a height of about 3000 feet W.S.W. He stated a piece seemed to drop away from the object which was traveling at a high rate of speed after which the light vanished. He stated at the time the sky was clear and there was no reported A/C in the vicinity. It was his opinion that the object was a meteorite.</p> <p>On 30 September 1958 interviewed [REDACTED] an employee of the [REDACTED] at the Harrisburg Yards who stated at 0530 on 29 Sept 58 he saw a lighted object traveling in the sky at a fast rate of speed. The object was traveling up river and gave off a whitish light. He described it as being cone shaped with the small end to the rear. He was of the opinion that he saw the object from two to three minutes. He saw a piece drop off and the object passed from his view behind several box cars and he did not see it again. He was unable to state the height of the object and stated he heard no unusual noise. The object seemed to be traveling in a slanting direction towards the earth and was about the size of an automobile.</p> <p>On 1 Oct 58 interviewed [REDACTED] by telephone who stated on the morning of 29 Sep 58 about 0520 he was driving on the road between Tremont and Pinegrove, Schuylkill Co., Route #125, when he noticed an object in the sky between two mountains. This object resembled the fuselage of an aircraft with windows along the side. The front windows were brighter than the rear windows, and sparks were coming from the rear of the object. He estimated the speed to be the same as a prop driven A/C. The object was traveling between the two mountains at about the same height as the mountains. He estimated the time he saw the object was about one minute, and when he stopped his car to alight, he was between some trees and failed to see the object again. Upon alighting from his car he did not hear any sound resembling a running engine or other motor. He stated a vehicle was stopped ahead of him but he did not know who the occupants were. It was a clear night with no cloud and the moon was in plain view. The mountains [REDACTED] and west and the object was traveling due north.</p>		



<b>INCIDENT REPORT</b>				DATE 29 Sep 58		CASE/COMPLAINT NUMBER CR 24-53-231	
TO: Chief, Security Division				FROM: (Unit/Headquarters) Investigation Section			
1. NAME OF SUBJECT U F O		2. GRADE/RATE	3. RACE	4. SERVICE NUMBER	5. ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION		
6. DESCRIPTION (Complete on all civilians and those military personnel whose identity is in question)							
A. COLOR OF EYES	B. COLOR OF HAIR	C. COMPLEXION	D. AGE	E. HEIGHT	F. WEIGHT	G. IDENTIFYING MARKS (Tattoo, scars, etc)	
7. HOW DRESSED (Military or civilian, and condition of clothing)					8. UNDER INFLUENCE OF		
					ALCOHOL	(Explain in item 14)	
					NARCOTICS		
					OTHER		
9. INCIDENT (Specify type and location) U F O Sighting over Harrisburg, Pa.						A. HOUR 0530	
						B. DATE 29 Sep 58	
10. NAME AND ADDRESS OF COMPLAINANT (If applicable)					11. METHOD COMPLAINT SUBMITTED		
					IN PERSON		
					BY TELEPHONE		
					BY MAIL		
12. PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTION (Check applicable box)							
INVESTIGATED BY		APPREHENDED BY		SURRENDERED TO			
NAME		GRADE	SERVICE NUMBER		ORGANIZATION		
[REDACTED]					Security Division		
13. WITNESSES (Attach copies of statements)							
NAME		ADDRESS			TELEPHONE		
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]		
[REDACTED]		[REDACTED]			[REDACTED]		
14. DETAILS OF INCIDENT (Who, What, When, Where, How? Include attitude at time of apprehension and give details if uncooperative. Attach statements of medical personnel. Continue in 'REMARKS' on reverse, if necessary.)							
<p>On 29 September 1958 J [REDACTED] reported he had received several calls regarding a flying object sighted in the sky in the vicinity of Harrisburg, Pa. He requested a preliminary investigation be conducted to determine the nature and authenticity of the reports.</p> <p>On 29 September 1958 interviewed A/2C Howard Neely, Tower Operator who stated he was on tower duty at 0530 this date when he noticed a lighted object moving in the sky travelling WSW in the general direction of Harrisburg State A/P. He described the</p>							
15. EVALUATION (Check applicable box)							
UNFOUNDED	FELONY	MISDEMEANOR	TRAFFIC	MILITARY OFFENSE			
16. EVIDENCE AND ITS DISPOSITION (List and describe)					17. DISPOSITION OF OFFENDER		
18. INCLOSURES		19. DISTRIBUTION		TYPED NAME AND GRADE OF REPORTING OFFICER			
				CLAYTON A. MC HENRY			
				SIGNATURE /s/ Clayton A. McHenry			

 AF FORM 49  
 SEP 57  
 Incl #3

 REPLACES DD FORMS 578, 581, AND 582  
 WHICH ARE OBSOLETE IN THE USAF.



*The Evening News*  
**Mysterious Object  
Seen Flying Over  
City Early Today**

At least a score of persons reported sighting a mysterious flying object in the Harrisburg skies early today.

But as usual, there was no official identification of the object, nor could anyone determine where it came from or where it went.

Olmsted Air Force Base at Middletown had nine reports of the brilliantly lighted object, but officials pointed out there were the "usual differences" in describing its color, shape and direction. In addition, more than a dozen persons called The Evening News to inquire about it.

According to most reports, it flew from south to north at about 5:30 a.m. Some described it as a blazing, white triangle, trailing sparks. Others said it had the shape of a barrel. Another said it had no distinguishable shape.

Olmsted officials said it could have been a jet or a meteorite.

*Incl #1*



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~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~  
(Aug 2, 1951)

Dear Sir.

On Mon. morning Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>  
at approx. 5<sup>45</sup> AM. as I was walking  
toward my barn I saw a large blue  
light in the sky moving at a high rate  
of speed from east to west.

It appeared to be a mile or so distant  
and possibly 500 ft high.

As I watched it seemed to divide  
into two lights and these in turn  
divided again, with two lights leading  
the other two. They did not pause  
nor alter course while doing this



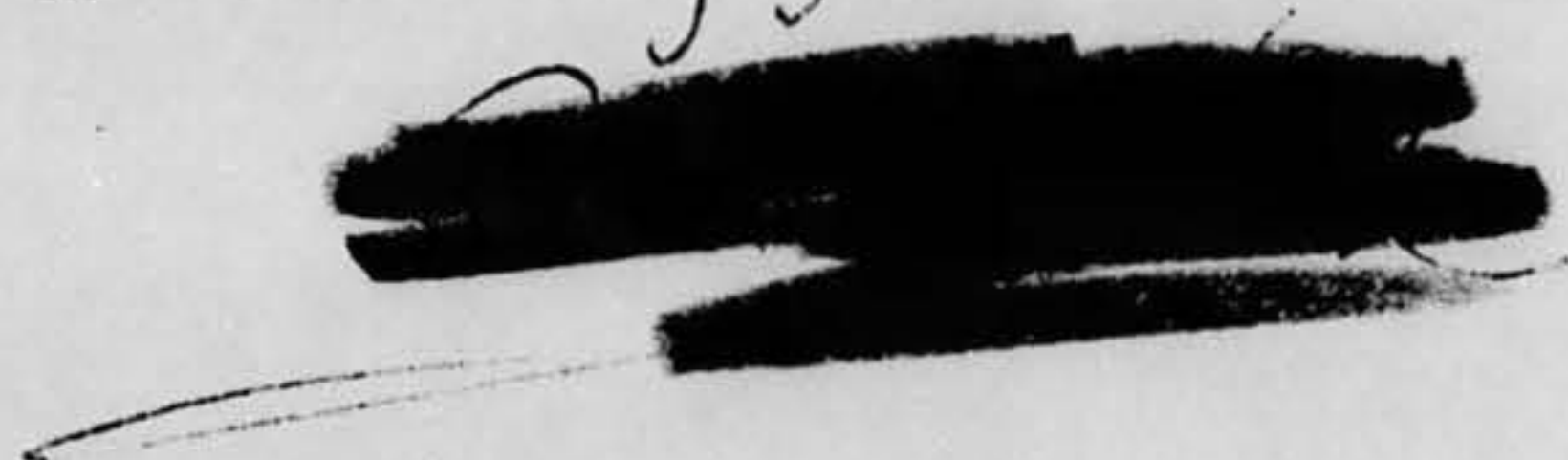
When the measurement was completed  
all daylight went out. Nothing  
visible remained. There was no  
water trail and no sound.  
The whole nighting did not last  
over four seconds.  
That same afternoon I read  
the measured piece in the Blue paper.  
I told the incident to some of the  
fellows at the ship when I went  
and one of them (an ex-air force pilot)  
advised me to write to your people  
about it. I have nothing to add  
to this account. I am white,  
male, 53 years old. I work at a  
small shop at Camp Pe. which



manufactures air plane parts

If you should wish to  
contact me I am usually home  
evenings No one home days  
except Saturday and Sunday.

Sincerely yours.

A large, dark, horizontal redaction mark covering the signature area.



[REDACTED]  
August 2, 1958

Dear Sir:

On Mon. morning, Sept. 29th at approx 5:45 A.M. as I was walking toward my barn I saw a large blue light in the sky moving at a high rate of speed from east to west.

It appeared to be a mile or so distant and possibly 500 ft high.

As I watched it seemed to divide into two lights and these in turn divided again with two lights leading the other two. They did not pause nor alter course while doing this. When this maneuver was completed all lights went out. Nothing visible remained. There was no vapor trail and no sound.

The whole sighting did not last over four seconds.

That same afternoon I read the enclosed piece in the Erie paper.

I told the incident to some of the fellows at the shop where I work and one of them (an ex air force pilot) advised me to write to you people about it. I have nothing to add to this account. I am white, male, 53 years old. I work at a small shop at Corry, Pa. which manufactures airplane parts.

If you should wish to contact me I am usually home evenings. No one home days except Saturday and Sunday.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ [REDACTED]

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Case  
File w/50

27 Sep

SHANN, B. M.

DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

21 October 1958

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 2 October 1958 concerning your sighting of an unidentified flying object on the morning of 29 September 1958 at approximately 6 a.m. near Columbus, Pennsylvania.

We have received a number of letters concerning this same sighting and the local newspapers featured this sighting from Fredrick, Maryland, to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

An Air Force team has completed their investigation and has forwarded all the facts concerning this sighting to the Air Technical Intelligence Center for analysis and evaluation. Preliminary results indicate the object was a meteorite which broke up in the earth's lower atmosphere.

Again, thank you for your interest in this matter. Your letter will be included in the case file of this sighting at the Air Technical Intelligence Center.

For your information, I am inclosing Department of Defense fact sheets on the subject of unidentified flying objects.

Sincerely,

/s/

2 Inclosures

LAWRENCE J. TACKER  
Major, USAF  
Executive Officer  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information Services

Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED], Pennsylvania

CC: ATIC [REDACTED] original ltr



AFCIN-4E4/T/Sgt Bolieu/ac  
6-9216/Bldg 828  
Typed 8 Oct 58

AFCIN-4

Mrs. [REDACTED]

Milan, Indiana

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

Your letter, dated 30 September 1958, addressed to the Weather Bureau at Boone County Airport, was forwarded to this Center.

The information submitted by you is very limited. Therefore, it would be appreciated if you and your husband would fill in the attached forms in as much detail as possible and return them to this Center in the inclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.

Your interest in this program is appreciated.

Sincerely,

2 Incls:

1. 2 cys ATIC Fm  
No. 164
2. Addr Envelope

H. K. GILBERT

Colonel, USAF

Deputy for Science and Components

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<b>REMARKS</b> The object sighted by Mr. [REDACTED] is no doubt the same object sighted in the Washington, D. C. area.	
<b>FROM NAME OR TITLE</b> T/Sgt James O. Bolieu	<b>DATE</b> 8 Oct 58
<b>ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION</b> AFCIN-4E4	<b>TELEPHONE</b> 6-9216

**DD FORM 95**  
1 FEB 50

Replaces DA AGO Form 895, 1 Apr 48, and AFHQ Form 12, 10 Nov 47, which may be used.

☆ GPO : 1958-O-403461

## Mystery

### Bright Object Shooting Flame Seen In Sky

HARRISBURG (UPI)—Olmsted Air Force Base today received reports of a mysterious object shooting across the central Pennsylvania skies early today.

The descriptions from nine individuals reporting to the base varied, but most agreed it was a bright object, emitting sparks and spouting an orange colored flame and traveling east to west.

The object was seen by five persons at Middletown and four employees at the base. In addition reports were received by newspaper and radio stations.

An Air Force spokesman said no search was instituted at the base, but the information was sent on to the Air Force's Air Material Command headquarters at Dayton, Ohio, for analysis by a project officer on "unidentified objects."




MEMO ROUTING SLIP		NEVER USE FOR APPROVALS, DISAPPROVALS, CONCURRENCES, OR SIMILAR ACTIONS	
1 NAME OR TITLE Major Tacker	INITIALS		CIRCULATE
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION SAFIS-3	DATE		COORDINATION
2			FILE
			INFORMATION
3			NECESSARY ACTION
			NOTE AND RETURN
4			SEE ME
			SIGNATURE
REMARKS <p>The object sighted is apparently the same one sighted in the Washington, D. C. area. The object has all the characteristics of a meteor breaking apart. If a meteor is close enough to the earth, as this one was, it will make quite a noise.</p>			
FROM NAME OR TITLE Major Robert J. Friend		DATE 8 Oct 58	
ORGANIZATION AND LOCATION AFCIN-4E4		TELEPHONE 6-9216	

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Air Material Command  
Dayton, O.

Sept. 29, 1958

I would like to report an experience I had early this morning, about six o'clock


I was driving south towards Frederick, Md. and was about eight miles from the town when a light passed in front of my car. It was about five hundred feet high and travelling from East to West, it's path was toward the ground and on a path that a plane would make when on a twenty to one glide. It's speed was faster than an approaching plane but its approach path was about the same. My reaction to the sight was that I could not remember any landing field Northwest of Frederick, Md.

In about half a minute I came upon a car that I had been following, in this car were my two sons and a friend of their's. They had stopped their car and were standing outside of it and quite excited. The light I had seen had passed directly in front and above them, they could hear it as well as see it. All three were agreed that as the light came very close to the ground and some distance to their right, to the West, it lost it's entirety and became three lights, one large one and two small ones, the latter became extinguished quickly but the main one continued on to the ground. Also they are positive ly agreed that it was not an airplane.

The weather was CAVU. I am a pilot with more than eight thousand hours, being actively engaged as an Army Instructor during the last war and since the have been employed as an instructor in a commercial capacity and for the past five years have held a position as an executive pilot. My oldest son is twenty years old and is now working for Capital Airlines at Washington National Airport, my other son is a Junior in High School, their friend is an Navy electronic student at New London, Conn..

I have referred to it as a light because there was no downward beam customarily seen from a plane's landing lights, and it was more of a bluish light than an amber one.

Very truly yours





21 October 1958

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

This is to acknowledge and thank you for your letter of 29 September 1958 concerning your sighting of an unidentified flying object on the morning of 29 September at approximately 6 a.m. near Frederick, Maryland.

We have received a number of letters concerning this same sighting and the local newspapers featured this sighting from Frederick, Maryland, to Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

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Sincerely,

2 Inclosures

LAWRENCE J. TACKER  
Major, USAF  
Executive Officer  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information Services

Mr. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Pennsylvania

CC: ATIC w/original ltr fr [REDACTED]

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UFO Analysis Sheet \_\_\_\_\_

Location WASHINGTON, D. C. TO PITTSBURGH, PA.

Date 29 September 1958

Hour (Z) 0925Z

WX Clear - Unlimited Visibility - Slight Breeze

Description: Round, flaming or burning very bright. Faint possibility of a  
tail. Possibly associated with a roaring or fluttering sound.

Direction of Motion SE to NW at high rate of speed.

Satellite: Coordinated and ruled out. Time and direction wrong.  
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#### Astronomical Phenomena

Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc.

Description of object and possible sound points to a meteor which made an  
unusually deep penetration into our atmosphere. Observatory at Georgetown  
University had several reports of the sighting and their conclusion was that it  
was a meteor.

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) No radar data.

#### Natural Phenomena

Ball Lightning, etc. Large area over which this sighting took place, singular  
type of occurrence, makes it highly improbable that this was a natural phenomenon.  
Weather conditions at the time add to the improbability.



Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc. Description of flaming or burning round object rules out balloon. Object seen from Washington, D. C. to Pittsburgh at approximately the same time indicates a speed much greater than any of today's aircraft.

Other: No information concerning an errant missile.

The light which was seen on the ground near Washington, D. C. was definitely determined to be a floodlight on a barn.

Evaluation of Source Reliability The number and consistency of reports of this incident indicate the information to be both relatively accurate and reliable. Twelve different persons from Washington, D. C. to Pittsburgh, Pa. sighted this object.

#### Analysis and Conclusions:

In view of all the data in this case, the logical conclusion is that all witnesses sighted a meteor which made an unusually deep penetration into our atmosphere. The still unofficial report from Pittsburgh indicates possible remains of the item on the ground, but as yet still undiscovered.

This object was seen at Washington, D. C. and Pittsburgh at approximately the same time (possible minute difference depending upon the accuracy of the witnesses in determining the time). The speed necessary to accomplish this would be approximately 7,000 knots. The description of some witnesses that there was more than one object indicates the possibility of breakup and burnout of a meteor.



Sept. 30, '58

Boone Co. Airport:

You may, or may not be concerned about this observation.

TIME: Monday Sept. 29, 1958 (yesterday) at 4:30 A.M.


WHAT: A green light - coming from the direction the airplanes travel when leaving Boone Co. airport - and traveling practically horizontal in the east towards the north.

SIZE: Oh - about 8 or 10 times as bright as a star

COLOR: A few shades brighter and deeper green than this paper.

BEHAVIOR: Traveling about twice the speed of an airplane. Dropping pieces of green light which trailed a second and went out, like a rocket which was burning. The light itself "burnt out" just about in a due east direction.

Since it seemed to come from your direction, it would seem best to send this observation report to you. My husband also saw it.

Mrs. 

Alan, Ind.

No Answer here.  
O. J. Hume



## 1 - 13 OCTOBER 1958 SIGHTINGS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>OBSERVER</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
Oct	Columbus, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Insufficient Data
1	Bell Buckle, Tennessee	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
1	Foxholm, North Dakota	[REDACTED]	Astro (ARCTURUS)
2	Stroudsboung, Pennsylvania	[REDACTED]	UNIDENTIFIED
4	Deming, New Mexico	[REDACTED]	Other (REFLECTION)
5	Warren, Ohio	Military	Astro (METEOR)
5	Norton, Connecticut	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
6	Xenia, Ohio	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
7	Alexandria, Virginia	[REDACTED]	Other (REFLECTION)
8	Pleasant Hill, California	[REDACTED]	Aircraft (HELO)
9	Gulf of Campeche, Mexico	Coast Guard (PHYS S)	Other (WEATHER BUOY)
9	Groveland, Massachusetts	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
9	Barahona, Dominican Republic	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
9	Green River Lakes, Wyoming	[REDACTED] (see following folder)	Astro (FOMALHAUT)
10	Temple, Oklahoma	[REDACTED] (PHYSICAL S)	Other (HOAX)
10	Holloman AFB, New Mexico	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
11	Laredo, Texas	Military (RADAR)	Astro (METEOR)
12	Valparaiso, Chile	Multi	Astro (METEOR)
12	Uruguay	CIOVI	Insufficient Data
12	Elkhorn, Williams Bay, Wisconsin	[REDACTED]	Balloon
12	Egg Harbor City, New Jersey	[REDACTED]	Aircraft
DR13	Northern Ohio	[REDACTED] (PHYSICAL S)	Other (CHAFF)
13	Kleinostheim, Germany	[REDACTED]	Astro (METEOR)
13	Uruguay	CIOVI	Aircraft
13	Cameron, Arizona	Military	Astro (METEOR)
13-31 Mar 59	Black Sea, Turkey missing	Military (RADAR)	Other (CHAFF)

## ADDITIONAL REPORTED SIGHTINGS (NOT CASES)

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>SOURCE</u>	<u>EVALUATION</u>
Oct	Eastern Oregon	Newsclipping	
Oct	Salem, Oregon	Newsclipping	
3	Brooklyn, New York	Ltr, Newsclipping [REDACTED]	
6	Cliffucle Park, New Jersey	Newsclipping	
6	Stephensburg, Kentucky	Newsclipping	



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TD-E/Major Friend/vw/69216  
Request for Information

11 SEP 1961

Mr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Columbus 13, Ohio

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

Case files of sightings of unidentified flying objects are filed by date and location, and your letter to the USAF requesting information on a sighting made by you did not include this essential information. If you will provide us with the date and location of your sighting, we will be happy to send you information as to our findings regarding the case.

Sincerely

*W Post 11 Sep 61*  
EDWARD H. WINN  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy for Science  
and Components

COORDINATION: TD-E *Robert J. Friend* DATE *11 Sept 61*  
Major Robert J. Friend





Air Technical Intelligence Center  
United States Air Force  
Wright-Patterson Air Force Base  
Ohio

Assistant Adjutant



# U. S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U. S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?

29 SEPT. 1958  
Day Month Year  
Check data on letter written by wife

2. Time of day:

4 30  
Hour Minutes

(Circle One): A.M. or P.M.

3. Time zone:

(Circle One): a. Eastern  
b. Central  
c. Mountain  
d. Pacific  
e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

(Circle One): a. Daylight Saving  
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?

[REDACTED] MILAN INDIANA  
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country

Additional remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Estimate how long you saw the object.

\_\_\_\_ Hours \_\_\_\_ Minutes 15 to 25 Seconds

5.1 Circle one of the following to indicate how certain you are of your answer to Question 5.

a. Certain b. Fairly certain c. Not very sure  
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?

(Circle One): a. Bright daylight  
b. Dull daylight  
c. Bright twilight  
d. Just a trace of daylight  
e. No trace of daylight  
f. Don't remember

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?

(Circle One): a. In front of you  
b. In back of you  
c. To your right  
d. To your left  
e. Overhead  
f. Don't remember



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Air Technical Intelligence Center  
Assistant Adjutant

Dear Sir:

I am writing in regards to a U.F.O. sighting in which the ATIC was interested.

I reported a U.F.O. sighting which was relayed to you through Washington D.C. A questionnaire sent me asked for extensive and detailed information on the sighting.

Upon completion, I sent it to ATIC and have received no word of receipt or comment. Was there a reason for this?

Is the U.S. Government slowly preparing the American people to receive the explanation behind U.F.O.'s without alarm? I cannot understand why the steady release of information on U.F.O.'s. Sincerely,  
~~XXXXXXXXXX~~



20 October 1960

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I refer to your recent letter to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center regarding the sighting of a UFO you reported to the Air Force in 1958. Since you did not include any other information (such as date and place), it was impossible to locate the case in the ATIC files. Therefore, we ask that you forward to ATIC the date of the sighting and where it occurred.

In the event you did not fill out the Air Force Questionnaire I am inclosing one which I suggest you fill out to the best of your memory and forward the completed document to the Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio for their analysis and evaluation.

For your information I am inclosing the latest Department of Defense fact sheet on UFOs which clearly states the position of the Air Force and the Department of Defense on this subject.

Sincerely,

2 Inclosures  
a/sLAWRENCE J. TACKER  
Lt. Colonel, USAF  
Public Information Division  
Office of InformationMr. [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Columbus 13, Ohio0246  
OFFICE OF INFORMATION SERVICES

1960 OCT 31 11 51

✓ Comeback OI-3d  
Reader OI-1

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AEROSPACE TECHNICAL INTELLIGENCE CENTER  
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE  
WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE  
OHIO



REPLY TO  
ATTN OF: AFCIN-4E2x

SUBJECT: Request for Information (Mr [REDACTED])

13 OCT 1960

TO: SAFOI-3d (L/Col Tacker)

1. Mr [REDACTED] wrote to ATIC and requested information concerning a sighting he reported to the Air Force in 1958. Mr Israel did not include the date, or any other information concerning his sighting and therefore it was impossible to locate the case in our file. Suggest you request the witness to forward the date of the sighting and the name of the place where it occurred to the Air Force.
2. Suggest the latest "Fact Sheet" be forwarded to Mr [REDACTED].
3. The address is:

Mr [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Columbus 13, Ohio

FOR THE COMMANDER:

*Philip G. Evans*  
PHILIP G. EVANS  
Colonel, USAF  
Deputy for Science and Components

*Send Mr Israel  
questionnaire  
letter saying  
insufficient data  
and enclosing  
fact sheet  
Sheet!*

180010 03 30  
DISPATCHED

*[Signature]*




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6 Oct. 1960

Dear Sir,

In your reply to my unidentified flying object sighting, you stated that the information I gave you would be used in your "continuing analysis."

Could you please send me any information you have released since Sept. 58 on this "analysis" or on information released since Sept. 58 on ufo's.

Thank you very much,

  
Col. B. C. Lee



~~0600h~~  
1100Z

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UFO ANALYSIS SHEET

Location Columbus, Ohio

Date (Local) Sunday Oct 1958

Hour (Local) 0600

Hour (Z Time Group) 1100Z

Satellite: (Det 5 ATIC, Ext 3279) -----

Astronomical Phenomena (Meteor, Comet, Planet, etc) -----

Radar Analysis (AFCIN-4E1) N/A

Natural Phenomena (Ball Lightning, etc) -----

Aircraft, Balloons, Airships, etc -----

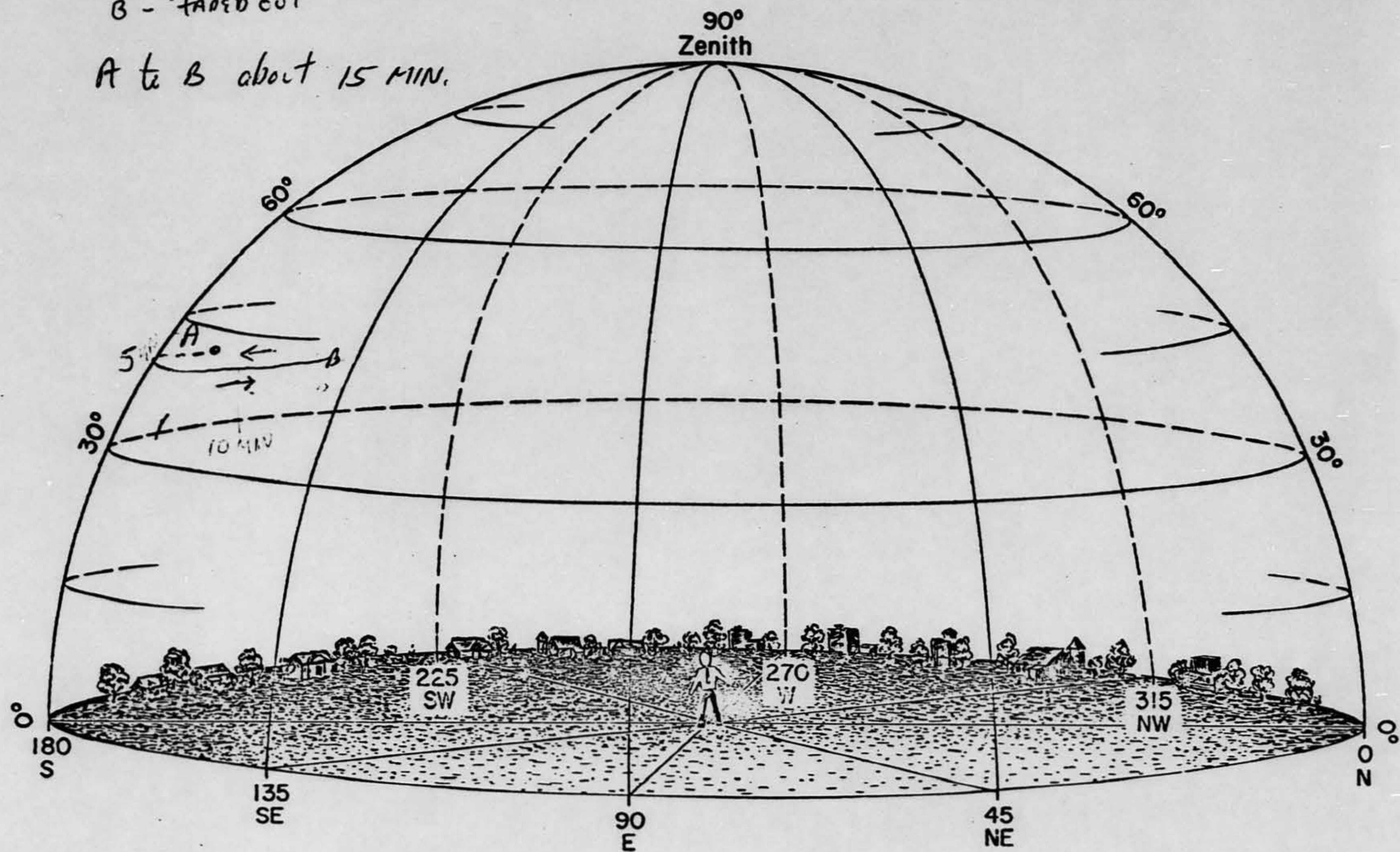
Other Insuff data (old report)

Evaluation of Source Reliability Unknown

Analysis and Conclusions: This report was sent in two (2) years after the incident occurred. It is possible that it could have been a light on an acft or balloon, but due to the lapse of time an investigation of the incident is impracticable. ~~xxxxxx~~



A - first spotted  
 B - faded cut  
 A to B about 15 MIN.





**U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET**  
(SUMMARY DATA)

In order that your information may be filed and coded as accurately as possible, please use the following space to write out a short description of the event that you observed. You may repeat information that you have already given in the questionnaire, and add any further comments, statements, or sketches that you believe are important. Try to present the details of the observation in the order in which they occurred. Additional pages of the same size paper may be attached if they are needed.

NAME

[REDACTED]

(Please Print)

SIGNATURE

[REDACTED]

DATE

24-10-60

(Do Not Write in This Space)

CODE:

I was looking around the sky at 6 AM when I saw the <sup>like</sup> slow moving object. It was far away, there was no sound that I heard or exhaust that I saw. It ~~to~~ followed a fairly steady course and moved at a constant speed. It traveled in my sight about 45-50° across the sky. It faded out after 15 minutes.



39. Do you think you can estimate the speed of the object?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then what speed would you estimate? \_\_\_\_\_

40. Do you think you can estimate how far away from you the object was?

(Circle One)

Yes

No

IF you answered YES, then how far away would you say it was? 30 miles away

41. Please give the following information about yourself:

NAME

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

ADDRESS

Street

City

Zone

State

TELEPHONE NUMBER

Age

18

Sex

M

Indicate any additional information about yourself, including any education, which might be pertinent.

AM PRESENTLY ENROLLED AS A FRESHMAN AT OSU  
AND I AM TAKING GEOGRAPHY. THIS HAS INCLUDED  
LATITUDE AND LONGITUDINAL DISTANCES IN RELATIONSHIP  
WITH THE NORTH STAR AND DEGREES

42. Date you completed this questionnaire:

24  
Day

10  
Month

60  
Year



34. What were the weather conditions at the time you saw the object?

CLOUDS (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Clear sky
- b. Hazy
- c. Scattered clouds
- d. Thick or heavy clouds

WEATHER (Circle One)

- ☒ a. Dry
- b. Fog, mist, or light rain
- c. Moderate or heavy rain
- d. Snow
- e. Don't remember

35. When and to whom did you report that you had seen the object? Mother - later in morning  
 SUN 7 04 58  
 Day Month Year

36. Was anyone else with you at the time you saw the object?

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No

36.1 IF you answered YES, did they see the object too?

(Circle One) Yes No

36.2 Please list their names and addresses:

37. Was this the first time that you had seen an object or objects like this?

(Circle One) Yes ☒ No

37.1 IF you answered NO, then when, where, and under what circumstances did you see other ones?

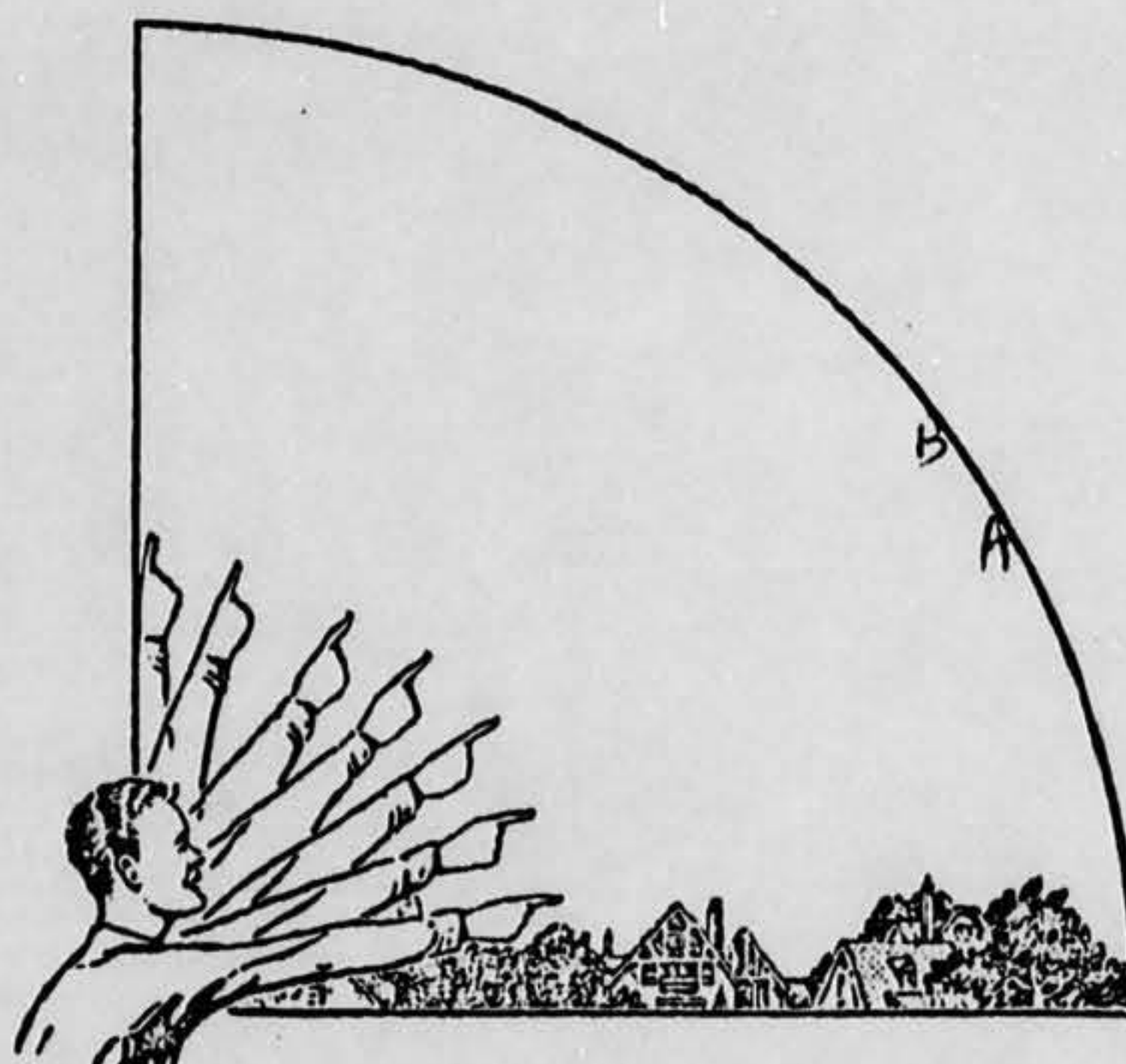
Outside of AKRON, OHIO - About 1953 in Summer  
at a YMCA CAMP - object ~~to~~ was almost overhead

38. In your opinion what do you think the object was and what might have caused it?

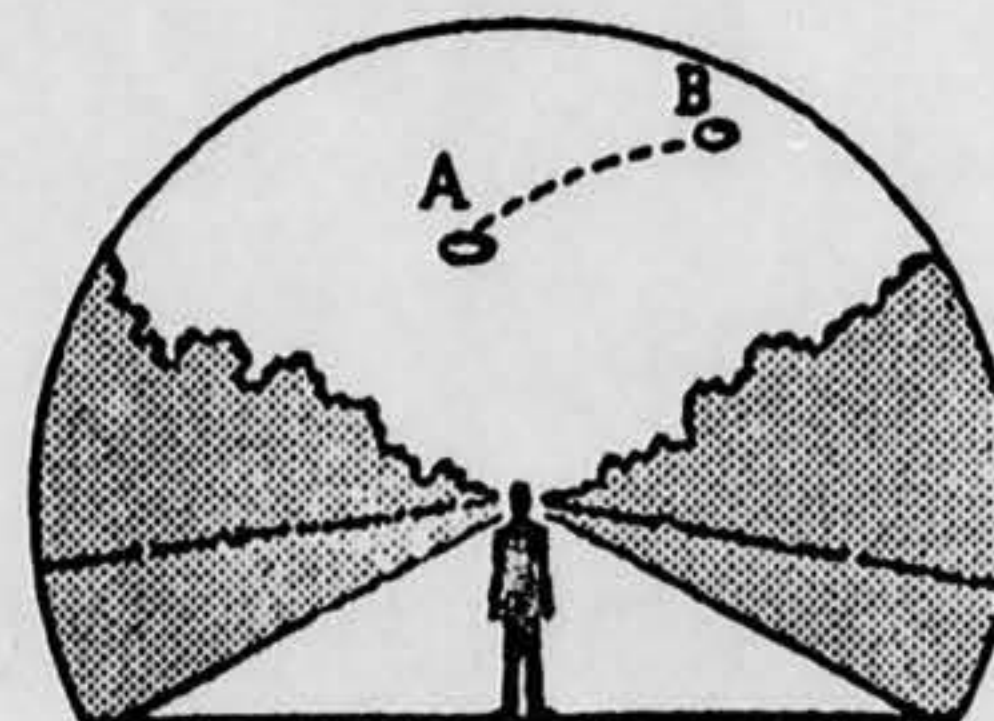
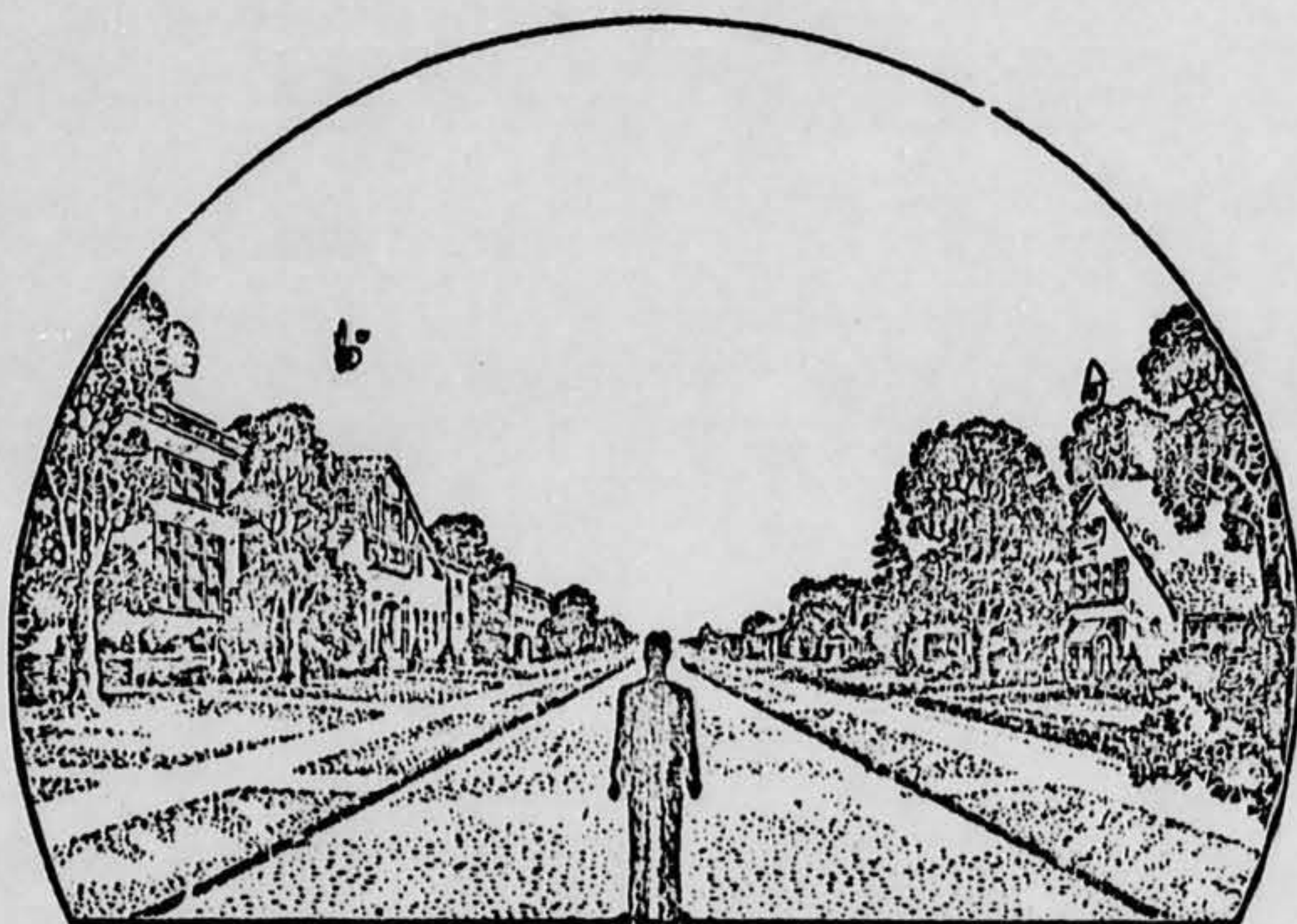
I do not see how the object could be identified definitely without physical evidence, but it was APPARENT this was not ~~a~~ like anything I have heard of before. I'm sure it wasn't an AIRPLANE, balloon, or INVERSION. I doubt it was a reflection since the object was only a few feet in the air, and it was not a reflection.



32. In the following sketch, imagine that you are at the point shown. Place an "A" on the curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *first* saw it. Place a "B" on the same curved line to show how high the object was above the horizon (skyline) when you *last* saw it.



33. In the following larger sketch place an "A" at the position the object was when you *first* saw it, and a "B" at its position when you *last* saw it. Refer to smaller sketch as an example of how to complete the larger sketch.





8. IF you saw the object, at NIGHT, TWILIGHT, or DAWN, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None  
b. A few  
c. Many  
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight  
b. Dull moonlight  
c. No moonlight — pitch dark  
d. Don't remember

9. Was the object brighter than the background of the sky?

(Circle One):

a. Yes

b. No

c. Don't remember

10. IF It was BRIGHTER THAN the sky background, was the brightness like that of an automobile headlight?:

*It would be hard to compare with a headlight. It was very bright but just gave off a glow. There was no illumination of the sky.*

(Circle One)

- a. A mile or more away (a distant car)?  
b. Several blocks away?  
c. A block away?  
d. Several yards away?  
e. Other

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- |   |     |           |            |
|---|-----|-----------|------------|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time?                                 | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time?                       | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| c. Break up into parts or explode? <i>- dropped like burning fire</i> | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| d. Give off smoke?  | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness? <i>- seemed to disappear</i>                    | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| f. Change shape?  | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |
| g. Flicker, throb, or pulsate?  | Yes | <u>No</u> | Don't Know |

12. Did the object move behind something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved behind: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Did the object move in front of something at anytime, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):

Yes

No

Don't Know.

IF you answered YES, then tell what

it moved in front of: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One):

a. Solid?

b. Transparent?

c. Don't Know.

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- |                 |            |           |                |     |           |
|-----------------|------------|-----------|----------------|-----|-----------|
| a. Eyeglasses   | <u>Yes</u> | No        | e. Binoculars  | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| b. Sun glasses  | Yes        | <u>No</u> | f. Telescope   | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| c. Windshield   | Yes        | <u>No</u> | g. Theodolite  | Yes | <u>No</u> |
| d. Window glass | Yes        | <u>No</u> | h. Other _____ |     |           |



25. Where were you located when you saw the object?  
(Circle One):

- a. Inside a building
- b. In a car
- c. Outdoors
- d. In an airplane (type)
- e. At sea
- f. Other BACKYARD

26. Were you (Circle One)

- a. In the business section of a city?
- ☒ b. In the residential section of a city?
- c. In open countryside?
- d. Near an airfield?
- e. Flying over a city?
- f. Flying over open country?
- g. Other \_\_\_\_\_

27. What were you doing at the time you saw the object, and how did you happen to notice it?

DONE CARRYING PAPERS, looked through sky  
AND SAW THE OBJECT MOVING SLOWLY

28. IF you were MOVING IN AN AUTOMOBILE or other vehicle at this time, then complete the following questions:

28.1 What direction were you moving? (Circle One)

- |              |              |              |              |
|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | c. East      | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |

28.2 How fast were you moving? \_\_\_\_\_ miles per hour.

28.3 Did you stop at any time while you were looking at the object?

(Circle One)      Yes      No

29. What direction were you looking when you first saw the object? (Circle One)

- |              |              |   |              |
|--------------|--------------|---|--------------|
| a. North     | c. East      | <input checked="" type="radio"/> e. South | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | d. Southeast | f. Southwest                              | h. Northwest |
|              |              |   | i. Overhead  |

30. What direction were you looking when you last saw the object? (Circle One)

- |              |   |              |              |
|--------------|---|--------------|--------------|
| a. North     | c. East                                       | e. South     | g. West      |
| b. Northeast | <input checked="" type="radio"/> d. Southeast | f. Southwest | h. Northwest |
|              |   |              | i. Overhead  |

31. If you are familiar with bearing terms (angular direction), try to estimate the number of degrees the object was from true North (thru east) and also the number of degrees it was upward from the horizon (elevation).

31.1 When it first appeared:

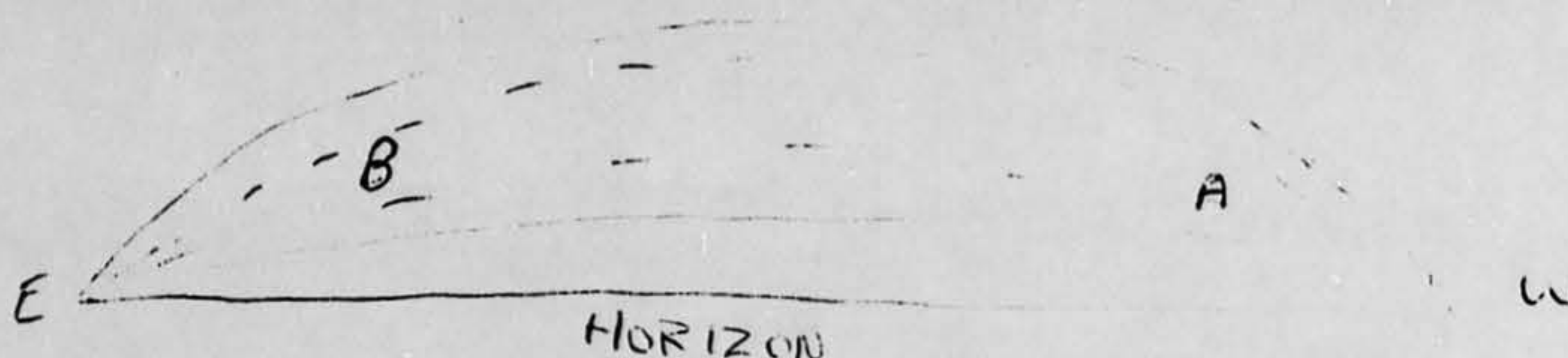
- a. From true North 190 degrees.
- b. From horizon 35 degrees.

31.2 When it disappeared:

- a. From true North 140 degrees.
- b. From horizon 45 degrees.



20. Draw a picture that will show the motion that the object or objects made. Place an "A" at the beginning of the path, a "B" at the end of the path, and show any changes in direction during the course.



21. How large did the object appear to you as compared to an object with which you are familiar?

like the STARS in the SKY, NOT AS big AS a bright planet

22. We wish to know the angular size. Hold a match stick at arm's length in line with a known object and note how much of the object is covered by the head of the match. If you had performed this experiment at the time of the sighting, how much of the object would have been covered by the match head?

The object would have been COVERED.

23. Did the object disappear while you were watching it? If so, how?

yes, Faded out  
into sky

24. In order that you can give as clear a picture as possible of what you saw, describe in your own words a common object or objects which, when placed up in the sky, would give the same appearance as the object which you saw.

a pinhead about 25' from me



8. IF you saw the object at NIGHT, what did you notice concerning the STARS and MOON?

8.1 STARS (Circle One):

- a. None  
b. A few  
☒ c. Many  
d. Don't remember

8.2 MOON (Circle One):

- a. Bright moonlight  
b. Dull moonlight  
c. No moonlight — pitch dark  
☒ d. Don't remember

9. The object appeared:

(Circle One): ☒ a. As a light    b. Shiny    c. Dark    d. Don't remember

10. If it appeared as a light, was it brighter than the brightest stars? *IT WAS BRIGHTER THAN MOST OF THEM, BUT IT WAS NOT AS BRIGHT AS THE BRIGHTEST STARS.*

11. Did the object:

(Circle One for each question)

- |   |     |                                     |   |
|---|-----|-------------------------------------|---|
| a. Appear to stand still at any time?           | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know                                  |
| b. Suddenly speed up and rush away at any time? | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know                                  |
| c. Break up into parts or explode?              | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know                                  |
| d. Give off smoke?                              | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | <input checked="" type="radio"/> Don't Know |
| e. Change brightness?                           | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know                                  |
| f. Change shape?                                | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know                                  |
| g. Flash or flicker?                            | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know                                  |
| h. Disappear and reappear?                      | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | Don't Know                                  |

12. Did the object move behind something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):    Yes    ☒ No    Don't Know.    IF you answered YES, then tell what it moved behind: \_\_\_\_\_

13. Did the object move in front of something at any time, particularly a cloud?

(Circle One):    Yes    ☒ No    Don't Know.    IF you answered YES, then tell what in front of: \_\_\_\_\_

14. Did the object appear: (Circle One): ☒ a. Solid    b. Transparent    c. Vapor    d. Don't Know

15. Did you observe the object through any of the following?

- |                 |     |                                     |               |                       |                                     |
|-----------------|-----|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| a. Eyeglasses   | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | e. Binoculars | Yes                   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| b. Sun glasses  | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | f. Telescope  | Yes                   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| c. Windshield   | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | g. Theodolite | Yes                   | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No |
| d. Window glass | Yes | <input checked="" type="radio"/> No | h. Other      | <i>Just Thru EYES</i> |                                     |



16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

- a. Sound no sound
- b. Color bright white

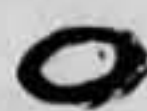
17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.

MOVING EAST



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almost round

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18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred  
☒ b. Like a bright star  
 c. Sharply outlined  
 d. Don't remember

e. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

19. IF there was MORE THAN ONE object, then how many were there? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Draw a picture of how they were arranged, and put an arrow to show the direction that they were traveling.



## U.S. AIR FORCE TECHNICAL INFORMATION SHEET

This questionnaire has been prepared so that you can give the U.S. Air Force as much information as possible concerning the unidentified aerial phenomenon that you have observed. Please try to answer as many questions as you possibly can. The information that you give will be used for research purposes, and will be regarded as confidential material. Your name will not be used in connection with any statements, conclusions, or publications without your permission. We request this personal information so that, if it is deemed necessary, we may contact you for further details.

1. When did you see the object?  
Sun. - date? Oct 58  
Day Month Year

2. Time of day: 6 Hour 00 Minutes  
(Circle One): (A.M.) or P.M.

3. Time Zone: (Circle One) ☒ a. Eastern  
b. Central  
c. Mountain  
d. Pacific  
e. Other \_\_\_\_\_  
(Circle One): ☒ a. Daylight Saving  
b. Standard

4. Where were you when you saw the object?  
[REDACTED] Columbus Ohio  
Nearest Postal Address City or Town State or Country  
Additional remarks: \_\_\_\_\_

5. How long was object in sight? \_\_\_\_\_ Hours 15 Minutes  
5.1 How was time in sight determined?  
☒ a. Certain  
☒ b. Fairly certain  
c. Not very sure  
d. Just a guess

6. What was the condition of the sky?  
DAY NIGHT  
a. Bright ☒ a. Bright  
b. Cloudy b. Cloudy

7. IF you saw the object during DAYLIGHT, where was the SUN located as you looked at the object?  
(Circle One): a. In front of you  
b. In back of you  
c. To your right  
d. To your left  
e. Overhead  
f. Don't remember

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Oct 14, '58

Air Techn. & Int. Cent.  
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

Dear Sir,

Enclosed are the questionnaires  
you asked us to fill out. I'm  
sorry I can't remember the exact  
date we saw this object, but you  
will have my first letter in your  
files. My husband's wording is  
slightly different but maybe that  
way better helps to describe it.

I hope this report is satisfact-  
ory. It's about the best description  
we could possibly give, and  
we were happy to do so.

Sincerely,

Ms. [redacted]

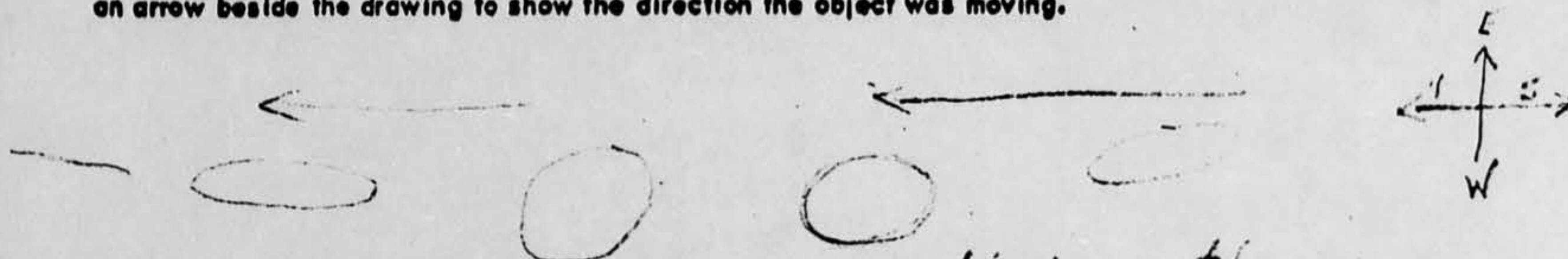


16. Tell in a few words the following things about the object.

a. Sound none

b. Color Bright green

17. Draw a picture that will show the shape of the object or objects. Label and include in your sketch any details of the object that you saw such as wings, protrusions, etc., and especially exhaust trails or vapor trails. Place an arrow beside the drawing to show the direction the object was moving.



The light traveled from south to north on a straight course. It first appeared oblong, then round, and then oblong again and then suddenly disappeared. As it traveled about 3 pieces or particles of dust, or something broke or left the object. They slowed in speed but did not drop, and disappeared.

18. The edges of the object were:

- (Circle One): a. Fuzzy or blurred  
b. Like a bright star  
c. Sharply outlined  
d. Don't remember

e. Other \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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